

CNAPS Visiting Fellows **March 1 – June 30, 2011**

Nelson Yiu-mo Cheng, Hong Kong

Nelson Yiu-mo Cheng is deputy district commander of the Eastern District in the Hong Kong Police Force. He is a 23-year veteran of the Hong Kong Police Force and holds the rank of senior superintendent of police. His occupational specialties include drug trafficking and financial investigations. He has served as head of the Financial Investigations Divisions, Narcotics Bureau and Joint Financial Intelligence Unit (Oct. 2007-Oct. 2010), and as law enforcement advisor to the commissioner for narcotics in the government secretariat's Narcotics Division (Sept. 2006-Oct. 2007). Mr. Cheng holds a master's in public administration from the University of Hong Kong and earned a bachelor of science from the University of Hong Kong. He also has earned certificates in administrative management and human resources from the Institute of Administrative Management in the United Kingdom.

Mr. Cheng will research and write about "The Effectiveness of Money Laundering Investigations in Addressing the Challenges of Transnational Crime: A Comparison Study Between the United States and Hong Kong" for his CNAPS working paper. He will argue that money laundering investigations are a successful means for interdicting and prosecuting transnational crime groups, but that these investigations are often too slow and resource-intensive in relation to how quickly money laundering methods evolve. Mr. Cheng will examine emerging trends in transnational crime and in that context will undertake comparative research into how effective money laundering investigations in Hong Kong and the United States have been in controlling and interdicting transnational crimes. Finally, he will offer suggestions on how the Hong Kong government and other governments can enhance the effectiveness of their money laundering investigations.

Shen Haimei, China

Shen Haimei is professor of anthropology at Yunnan University's Anthropological Research Institute. Her academic specialties include women/gender studies, and ethnicity in southwest China. Professor Shen is affiliated with the Center for Drug & AIDS Prevention Research at Yunnan University, and has conducted a visiting research fellowship in the Asia Research Institute at the National University of Singapore. She earned her PhD and MA in Chinese ethno-history and a bachelor's degree in Chinese history from the Department of History at Yunnan University.

The topic of Professor Shen's CNAPS working paper will be "Trafficking in Women Across the Yunnan-Myanmar Border in Transnational Migration Era China." Human trafficking in the region is increasing rapidly and takes many forms. Increasingly, young women are abducted or lured by promises of work and then forced into marriage to men in China. Dr. Shen will argue that this

cross-border trafficking of women is becoming a growing problem for China as internal migration increases and as the world enters an era of increasing transnational migration. Professor Shen will explore some of the Chinese government's human trafficking and illegal immigration policies and will offer suggestions and recommendations for handling these problems.

Ta Minh Tuan

Ta Minh Tuan is associate professor and deputy director of the Center for Foreign Policy and Regional Studies at the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam. Concurrently, he heads the Office for Research Projects Management. His research specialties are Vietnam's politics and foreign policy, U.S.-Vietnam relations, Southeast Asian security, and nuclear energy and non-proliferation. He earned his BA in Chinese Studies from the Hanoi University of Foreign Studies, his MA in Politics and International Relations from the Mahatma Gandhi University (India), and his PhD in Political Science from the Polish Academy of Social Sciences.

For his CNAPS working paper, Dr. Tuan will conduct research on "Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone: Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century." Porous borders and weak border control in Southeast Asia have made the region a transit hub for illicit trade of goods, including materials for weapons of mass destruction (WMD). In the post-9/11 heightened security climate, concern in the region over proliferation of WMD and nuclear materials has increased. In this context, Dr. Tuan will examine the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ), established by the Bangkok Treaty of 1995, as a means to address the issue of proliferation and regional cooperation on the illicit cross-border trade of nuclear materials and technology. He will offer policy suggestions on how SEANWFZ can be improved to meet the security demands and challenges of the 21st century.

Sandy Yu-Lan Yeh

Sandy Yu-Lan Yeh is an associate professor in the department of Foreign Affairs Police at the Central Police University, Taiwan. Her research interests include gender equity, criminal justice policies, human trafficking, community policing, domestic violence, sexual assault, and sexual harassment. In addition to her academic career, Dr. Yeh has served on numerous government committees for gender equity, police policy, and the prevention of domestic violence and sex offenses, as well as serving as a policy advisor to the Mayor of Taipei and the Magistrate of Taoyuan County. Dr. Yeh has a BA in Public Security from the Central Police University, Taiwan, an MA in Law Enforcement Administration from Western Illinois University, and a PhD in Public Policy Analysis from the University of Illinois, Chicago.

While at CNAPS, Dr. Yeh's research will focus on "Developing a Comprehensive and Effective Policy Framework for Anti-Human Trafficking Efforts in Taiwan." In recent years Taiwan has made a greater effort to combat human trafficking, but has had a difficult time synchronizing its efforts with the international community due to its complex political situation. In order to address these difficulties, Dr. Yeh will look at the development of international legal norms in human trafficking, the development of better indicators for victim identification, the collection of successful cases against traffickers in the U.S. as examples of best practices, and the development of training materials for law enforcement toward better investigation and prosecution practices.